

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 4/9/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2,3,13-17,19-22 and 28-35.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date attached.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An Examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, and amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Katherine R. Vierra (Reg. No. 47,155) 8 June 2007.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 5, 9, 18, and 23-27.

Please replace claim 17 with the following:

17. A network contents managing system comprising:

a plurality of apparatuses connected to a network wherein each apparatus of the plurality of apparatuses comprises a contents file and a contents monitoring unit that outputs contents modification information to the network when the apparatus modifies the contents file;

one of said plurality of apparatuses comprising a contents database, a database managing unit, a network monitoring unit, a power monitoring unit, a remote start unit, a retrieval result output unit, and a power operation unit;

the contents database retaining accessibility information for each of the contents files of the plurality of apparatuses;

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the network monitoring unit that monitors a change in connection state to the network of at least one of the apparatuses of the plurality of apparatuses and outputs to the plurality of apparatuses on the network a new apparatus connection state as connection state information when the connection state of the apparatus changes;

the power monitoring unit for monitoring a power operation of at least one apparatus of the plurality of apparatuses connected to the network;

the remote start unit for activating at least one of the contents database, a retrieval request detection unit, the network monitoring unit, a database retrieval unit, the database managing unit, and a retrieval result output unit at another apparatus of the plurality of apparatuses connected to the network; and

the power operation unit for operating a power of another apparatus of the plurality of apparatuses connected to the network, wherein said database managing unit updates the contents database according to the contents modification information, and the database managing unit further updates the contents database according to the connection state information.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2, 3, 13-17, 19-22, 28-35 are allowed in view of the Applicant's arguments (see Applicant's Response, filed 4/9/2007) and the cited prior art of record. The independent claim recites including a power monitoring unit for operating a power of another apparatus of the plurality of apparatuses connected to the network, which, in addition to the rest of the claim limitations, are distinguished from the prior art. For support, see Instant Specification (p24-26).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

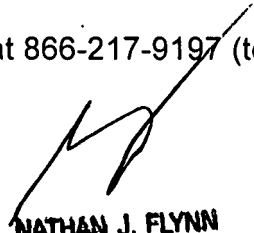
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to J. Bret Dennison whose telephone number is 571-272-3910. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 9am-5:30pm Eastern.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wiley can be reached on 571-272-3923. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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